AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for auction brokerage service provided by a computer that resides between an information terminal of a user and auction servers to perform brokerage operation for an auction, the method comprising steps of:

selecting information of said auction servers suitable for the user's conditions from among stored information related to said auction servers, in response to a request from said information terminal;

transmitting an auction registration request <u>in the name of the user</u> to each of the auction servers that have been selected by the user from among the selected auction servers to receive a notification that an auctioned commodity of the user has been registered at the auction servers;

~~receiving auction result information from the selected auction servers~~<u>gathering trade information of how the auctioned commodity has been bid for at the selected auction servers and tendering to the other selected auction sites the highest tendered price of the bids in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the bid prices to the highest price over all the auction sites</u>; and

notifying said information terminal of the auction result information and outputting the

auction result,

wherein said auction servers are other brokerage computers which accept bids from a

plurality of information terminals for the auctioned commodity.

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Previously Presented)   The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in

claim 2, further comprising a step of requesting the selected auction servers to alter the desired

price specified by the user according to the user's instruction when the computer has found that

there is no bid for the commodity at any relevant auction sites by the date specified by the user.

4.   (Currently Amended)   The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in

claim 2, further comprising a step of notifying the other auction sites of canceling the

registration of the commodity ~~but~~ by an auction site with which the trade has concluded.

5.   (Currently Amended)   A method executed by a brokerage computer residing

between a user computer of an auction user and auction computers of auction organizers to

perform brokerage operation for auctions, the method comprising steps of:

        (a) receiving information about an auctioned commodity and at least one specified

auction organizer from the user computer;

(b) sending the information about the auctioned commodity to the auction computers of the specified auction organizers;

(c) gathering trade information of how the auctioned commodity has been bid for at the specified auction sites;

(d) ~~notifying~~tendering to the other auction computers ~~of~~ the highest bid price of the bid prices in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the bid prices to the highest price over all the auction computers; and

(e) taking an action in accordance with conditions specified by the user computer if the brokerage computer has found that there is no bid for the commodity at any auction computers by the date specified by the user including notifying said user computer of the auction result information and outputting the auction result,

wherein said auction computers are other brokerage computers which accept bids from a plurality of other user computers for the auctioned commodity.

6.   (Previously Presented)   The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a step of requesting the auction sites to alter the desired price specified by the user according to the instruction of the auction user if no bid has been found by the specified date.

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7.   (Previously Presented)   The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in

claim 5, further comprising a step of notifying the other auction sites of canceling the

registration of the commodity by an auction site with which the trade has concluded.

8.   (Currently Amended)   A computer for residing between an information

terminal of a user and auction servers to perform brokerage service for an auction, said

computer comprising:

        (a) means for receiving information about an auctioned commodity and at least one

specified auction server from said information terminal;

        (b) means for sending the information about the auctioned commodity in the name of

the user to the specified auction servers;

        (c) means for gathering trade information of how the auctioned commodity has been

bid for at the specified auction servers;

        (d) means for ~~notifying~~tendering to the other auction servers ~~of~~the highest bidding

price among all bidding prices in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the bidding prices to

the highest price over all the auction servers; and

        (e) means for taking an action in accordance with conditions specified by said

information terminal if the computer has found that there is no bid for the commodity at any

auction servers by the date specified by the user including notifying said information terminal

of the auction result information and outputting the auction result,

        wherein said auction servers are other brokerage computers which accept bids from a

plurality of information terminals for the auctioned commodity.

9.   (Previously Presented)   The computer as claimed in claim 8, wherein said means

for taking the action further comprises means for requesting the auction servers to alter the

desired price specified by the user according to the instruction of the user if no bid has been

found by the specified date.

10.   (Currently Amended)   The computer as claimed in claim 8, further comprising

means for notifying the other auction servers of canceling the registration of the commodity

butby an auction server with which the trade has concluded.